3, lines 13-29, as follows:

According to a first embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 provides an illustration of a biasing member 600 in communication with a paper guide 610 so as to provide the ability to hold a piece of paper 620 on a paper path firmly to the paper guide 610, allowing the head carriage 630 to come in communication with the paper 620 near a trailing edge of the paper 620. The biasing member 600 is biased against the paper guide 610, preferably asserting a force against the paper guide 610 so as to keep the paper taut to a location further along the paper path. By keeping the paper taut, an image can be properly formed on the paper by a printing device. Preferably, biasing member 600 is a pinch spring, but may also be a leaf spring or other spring or elastic member. The biasing member 600 is preferably securely mounted to an image forming system frame at an end opposite the end of the biasing member 600 in communication with the paper guide 610. Alternatively, biasing member 600 may be mounted at any of one or more locations along biasing member 600 such that a portion of biasing member 600 is biased against the paper guide 610. The paper guide 610 functions to guide the paper within the image forming system. Preferably, the paper guide 610 is a roller, but may also be a device formed to guide the paper, such as a metal or plastic component formed to allow the paper to slide along the device.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9 - 12.

Please substitute amended claims 1, 5 and 13 for pending claims 1, 5 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:

a paper guide mounted along a paper path and adapted to guide paper along said paper path; and

a biasing member mounted to said image forming system and biased against said paper guide along said paper path and allowing a printing device to be moved over said paper while allowing an edge of said printing device to extend beyond said paper guide and print along a trailing edge of said paper.